

REMARKS

Applicants herein submit a Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Mr. Masahiro Kubota. The declaration supports the arguments set forth in the Amendment filed February 12, 2010 traversing the prior art rejections against the claims. Please see the arguments in the Amendment filed February 12, 2010.

The declaration supports the position that the methods in the prior art references are not the same as the claimed methods. It also supports the position that the prior art teaching of an external topical application to the skin of a GSL as in the prior art references, is not suggestive of nor predictive of the claimed method of administering the GSL internally. It supports the position that topical application of GSL does not produce the same effects as internal administration of GSL as in the claimed invention.

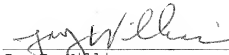
For the reasons set forth in the attached declaration and in the Amendment filed February 12, 2010, Applicants respectfully submit that the prior art rejections in the outstanding Official Action are untenable and should be withdrawn.

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Favorable action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 by Masahiro Kubota.